

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A destructible privacy label comprising:
 a sheet-like member having an upper surface
 and an adhesive lower surface;
 said upper surface adapted for printing
 indicia thereon; and
10 said sheet-like member comprising two
 segments conjoined about a separation line that
 defines adjacent segment edges;
 each segment being separable from the other
 along the separation line;
15 wherein removing one of said segments from
 the other renders indicia printed on sheet-like
 member upper surface illegible.
2. The destructible privacy label of claim
20 1, wherein said separation line is sinusoidal and
 extends from one edge of said sheet-like member to
 another edge of said sheet-like member.
3. The destructible privacy label of claim
25 1, wherein said separation line is a cut line.
4. The destructible privacy label of claim
 1, further comprising:
 a removable release liner contacting said
30 sheet-like member adhesive lower surface.
5. The destructible privacy label of claim
 4, wherein the surface of said release liner

contacting said sheet-like member adhesive lower surface is siliconized.

6. The destructible privacy label of claim 1, further comprising: ..

a second sheet-like member having an upper surface and an adhesive lower surface, said upper surface releasably contacting said first sheet-like member adhesive lower surface.

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7. The destructible privacy label of claim 6, wherein said upper surface of said second sheet-like member is siliconized.

8. The destructible privacy label of claim 7, further comprising:

a removable release liner contacting said second sheet-like member adhesive lower surface.

9. The destructible privacy label of claim 8, wherein the surface of said release liner contacting said second sheet-like member adhesive lower surface is siliconized.

10. The destructible privacy label of claim 1, wherein one segment of said sheet-like member has a permanent adhesive on said adhesive lower surface.

11. A destructible privacy label comprising:

a sheet-like member having an upper surface and an adhesive lower surface;

said upper surface adapted for printing indicia thereon;

said sheet-like member comprising a plurality of remainder segments; and

5 said sheet-like member further comprising at least one removable segment that is separable from said remainder segments;

 wherein removing said removable segment from said remainder segments renders indicia printed
10 on said sheet-like member upper surface illegible.

12. The destructible privacy label of claim 11, wherein at least one of said remainder segments has a two-dimensional shape chosen from a group of
15 circles, squares, diamonds, octagons, dagger shapes, saw tooth shapes, and island shapes.

13. The destructible privacy label of claim 11, wherein at least one remainder segment of said
20 sheet-like member has a permanent adhesive on said adhesive lower surface.

14. The destructible privacy label of claim 11, further comprising:
25 a second sheet-like member having an upper surface and an adhesive lower surface, said upper surface releasably contacting said first sheet-like member adhesive lower surface.

30 15. The destructible privacy label of claim 11, further comprising:
 a removable release liner contacting said second sheet-like member adhesive lower surface.

16. A method of protecting the privacy of a patient's identity and personal information in a healthcare setting, comprising the steps of:

5 providing a destructible privacy label comprising:

 a sheet-like member having an upper surface and an adhesive lower surface;

 said upper surface adapted for printing
10 indicia thereon; and

 said sheet-like member comprising two segments conjoined about a separation line that defines adjacent segment edges;

 each segment being separable from the other
15 along the separation line.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein the step of providing a destructible privacy label further comprises providing a destructible privacy
20 label further comprising a removable release liner contacting said sheet-like member adhesive lower surface

18. The method of claim 17, further
25 comprising the steps of:

 printing indicia on said sheet-like member upper surface, said indicia operative to indicate a patient's identity and personal information;

 removing said release liner from said
30 sheet-like member adhesive lower surface;

 placing said adhesive lower surface of said sheet-like member on an object to associate said

object with said patient's identity and personal information; and

removing one of said sheet-like member segments from said object, thereby rendering the
5 indicia printed on said sheet-like member upper surface illegible.

19. The method of claim 16, wherein the step of providing a destructible privacy label
10 further comprises providing a destructible privacy label further comprising:

a second sheet-like member having an upper surface and an adhesive lower surface, said upper surface releasably contacting said first sheet-like
15 member adhesive lower surface; and

a removable release liner contacting said second sheet-like member adhesive lower surface.

20. The method of claim 19, further
20 comprising the steps of:

printing indicia on said first sheet-like member upper surface, said indicia operative to indicate a patient's identity and personal information;

25 removing said release liner from said second sheet-like member adhesive lower surface;

placing said adhesive lower surface of said second sheet-like member on an object to associate said object with said patient's identity and personal
30 information; and

removing one of said first sheet-like member segments from said second sheet-like member,

thereby rendering the indicia printed on said first sheet-like member upper surface illegible.